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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: FERC No. RT1-35-000
Motion to Intervene of the Confederated Tribes

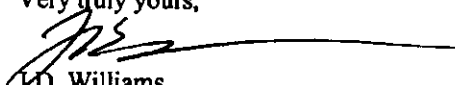
Dear Mr. Boergers:

Please find enclosed for filing, the original and fourteen (14) copies of the Motion to Intervene of the Confederated Tribes in the above-captioned matter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-file stamping the additional copy and return to my attention in the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Avista Corporation
The Bonneville Power Administration
Idaho Power Company
The Montana Power Company
Nevada Power Company
PacifiCorp
Portland General Electric Company
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
Sierra Pacific Power Company

Docket No. RT01-35-000

MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.212 & .214, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ("Confederated Tribes") hereby move the Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding as full party with all rights and privileges to appear and participate. In support of its Motion, the Confederated Tribes state as follows:

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I.**COMMUNICATIONS**

Please include the following person on the official service list in this proceeding, and please address all communications concerning this motion to the following:

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II.**DESCRIPTION OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES**

The Confederated Tribes are a federally recognized tribe, having their principal place of business on the Umatilla Indian Reservation located in northeastern Oregon. The Confederated Tribes are the sole governing authority over the trust lands within its Reservation boundaries served in large part by Pacific Power. The Confederated Tribes also are currently building a natural gas fired power plant on trust land which will use BPA and/or others transmission lines for the distribution of electric power to various customers, including the possibility of its own Tribal members and Reservation residents. The Tribes will shortly own an independent generating facility with interconnection to RTO West facilities. In addition, BPA transmission lines cross the Reservation and other trust lands pursuant to lease agreements with the Confederated Tribes. This proceeding may effect the terms of those lease agreements.

III.**INTERVENTION**

The Confederated Tribes believe the Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") filing at issue in this proceeding, known as "RTO West," may fail in certain particulars to meet the requirements of the Commission's Order No. 2000 and may be otherwise unjust and unreasonable.

The Confederated Tribes have a direct interest in this proceeding that is not adequately represented by any other party because the Confederated Tribes will rely upon the transmission system of the BPA to move all of the electric power generated by its power plant and because the Confederated Tribes are the sole governing authority regulating service to its members and Reservation residents. To the extent that the rates, terms and conditions for transmission service offered by RTO West violate Order No. 2000 or are otherwise unjust and unreasonable, the Confederated Tribes' ability to supply power to its Tribal members, Reservation residents and future customers of its power plant, and to participate in open access under the Commission's Order No. 888, is substantially impaired. Hence, the Confederated Tribes seek to vindicate the interests of consumers of transmission services in this proceeding and its intervention is therefore in the public interest.

The Confederated Tribes respectfully request that this motion for intervention be granted and that it be allowed to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served this Motion to Intervene on the following persons
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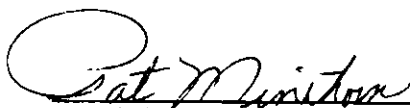
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